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“Memories”

Children’s Initiative

Submitted by Jean Wall

The February DOC NewsLine Issue included the ten significant initiatives submitted by Secretary Richard Stalder to Governor M.J. “Mike” Foster, Jr. during his tenure. This article contains the third of the ten initiatives, which is “Children’s Initiative.”

Creation of the Children’s Initiative was a direct response to the challenge of Governor M.J. “Mike” Foster, Jr., to help build a new, better Louisiana. It is an early intervention/crime prevention program designed to make a positive impact on children from birth to age ten and thus foster a generation of healthy, nourished and nurtured children who will be far less likely as they mature to be involved in violence, drop out of school, or use drugs – all significant factors linked to subsequent criminality.

Implemented in 1998, the Children’s Initiative consists of three major components: Parenting Skills Training, Steps to Success, and Character Counts! – all of which emphasize the importance of reading to young children. The programs and activities that constitute the initiative teach offenders better ways of interacting with children and reaching out to offer children opportunities that reduce the likelihood of their becoming offenders. The quality of life is thus improved both for individuals and for the community at large, which – it is hoped – will experience fewer victimizations and related social and economic costs.

The Children’s Initiative, like many of the Department’s initiatives, was created by refocusing existing resources and developing partnerships with other agencies and organizations.

Programs have been put in place in the institutions and field offices and administrators and their staff have been encouraged to reach out to Head Start and other early learning centers throughout the state and to carry the programs of Character Counts! and Steps to Success into their own communities. The components of the Children’s Initiative are also woven into the agency’s newest initiative: CORE (Corrections Organized for Re-entry).

Educating Students Against Crime

Excerpt from OYD - “The Youth Memo”

During May 20, 2003, through May 22, 2003, students in various Madison Parish schools took part in a unique learning experience called Educating Students Against Crime (ESAC). In collaboration with the McCall School-Based Health Center, youth from Swanson Correctional Center for Youth - Madison (SCCY-MAD) shared their personal life experiences that included bad choices, as well as consequences, which developed from making wrong decisions. The youth also expounded on the importance of staying in school, following the instructions from faculty and parents and resisting negative peer pressure. SCCY-MAD’s students shared their stories at Tallulah High, Tallulah Junior High, Tallulah Elementary, Wright Elementary, McCall Senior and McCall Junior High School.

Employee Memorial Service & Annual Awards Ceremony

Secretary Richard L. Stalder and the Louisiana Association of Wardens (LAWs) dedicated the second phase of the employee memorial on Thursday, May 29, 2003. The signature plaque shown on the right reads, "This area of the DPS&C Employee Memorial is dedicated to the men and women who devoted their careers to the mission of the Department and rendered invaluable service to the State of Louisiana."



Memorial Plaque Honorees

Michael L. Beaubouef
Wyman E. Beck
Maurice O. Blanchard
Herbert "H.D." Byargeon
Shirley Byargeon
Sam C. Chase, Jr.
Barbara Collins
Albert R. Couvillion
Deloyd F. Cutrer
Edgar Cecil Days, Sr.
Maxine B. Dees
Robert J. Delaune
Edgar R. Deville
Connie "C.C." Dixon
Frank Etheridge
Azalee Eubanks
William P. Foster
Floyd I. Gauf
Helen W. Gauf
Terry Gildon
Rufus Guedry
James W. Herron
Clifton J. Hives
Steve Hoyle
Elayn Hunt
Frank & Estelle Jackson
Louis Jetson
Donald D. Jett
Letosha Jordan
Grace Kerr
William Kerr
Joseph A. Knapps
Melvin LeBlanc

Lawrence Lockhart
Francis Manuel
Elesie L. McNeil
Carlo Messina
Carla V. Miller
Ollie W. Mobley
Willie Moore
Peter D. Mora, III
Clyde S. Morgan, Sr.
Frances S. Morgan
Gregory L. Musgrove
Louissetta J. Naylor
Glen Nettles
Jack M. Pearce, Sr.
Jack M. Pearce, Jr.
Van H. Pierce
John B. Rabalais
Robert L. Richardson, Jr.
Lee Roy Roberts
Lee T. Robinson, Sr.
Norman A. Robinson
Posey Roberson
Pamela Rollins
Brenda A. Thompson
Victor E. Townsley, Sr.
Rose C. Travis
Victor G. Walker
Melvin O. Wheeler
Charles L. White
Joseph O. Whittington
Larry Williams, Jr.
Joshua Wilson
Donald E. Wydra

"As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now a part of us, as we remember them."

At conclusion of the Employee Memorial Service the Annual Employee Awards Ceremony began with presentation of Awards by Secretary Richard L. Stalder, Assistant Secretary of Adult Services Johnny Creed and Assistant Secretary of Youth Development Elijah Lewis.

Distinguished Service Awards were given to the employees listed below who had acted courageously to protect life or property during a work-related emergency situation.

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Master Sgt. Dayton Finlay DWCC	Capt. Joe Norwood LSP
Asst. Warden Anthony Batson FWCC	Major Troy Poret LSP
Lt. Colonel Tommy Miller FWCC	Major Ronnie Fruge LSP
Sgt. Jeffery Glascock DCI	Lt. Mike Vannoy LSP
Lt. Jimmy Brumfield EHCC	Lt. Robert Tyner LSP
Major Reginald Brock EHCC	Col. Tim Delaney LSP
Asst. Warden Howard Prince LSP	Col. Chad Menzina LSP

Annual Awards Ceremony

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During the Annual Awards Ceremony the following employees were nominated for Correctional Officer, Support Employee and Supervisor all during the course of the year at their respective agencies for a job well done, but there could be only one winner in each division

Correctional Officers

Sgt. Josie Gauthier ALC	Master Sgt. Brenda Holden LCIW
Sgt. Gregory Jacobs AVC	Sgt. Vincent Thomas LSP
Master Sgt. Freddie King BCCY	Master Sgt. Samuel Mathis, III PCC
Master Sgt. Shirley Harrison DWCC	Sgt. Larry Moore SCCY
Master Sgt. Kenny Hutchinson DCI	Sgt. Eric Snowden SCCY/MAD
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Osborne EHCC	Master Sgt. Charles D. Freeman WCI
Sgt. Walter Foley FWCC	Sgt. Pearl Davis WNC
Master Sgt. Carey Brownfield JCCY	Master Sgt. Deborah Daughtry WTF/North

Support Employees

Elsie Carter ALC	Wiley Magee LSP
Kim Sellers AVC	Isaac "Tony" Vincent PCC
Doris Duckett BCCY	Kim Kimball Prison Enterprises
Jerry Ward DWCC	Sandra Olinde Probation & Parole/Adult
Richard Courtney DCI	Lee Ann Taylor Probation & Parole/Juvenile
Alaxie Conley FWCC	Fred McHenry SCCY
Patricia Goodlow EHCC	Susan Mayberry SCCY -MAD
Eileen McCarrol Headquarters	Lisa Ard WCI
Audrey Kent JCCY	Barbara Spencer, LPN WNC
Lacara Wilson LCIW	Marilyn Speed WTF/N

Supervisors

Lt. Tommy Davis ALC	Capt. Chad Darbonne LSP
Linda Neyland AVC	Capt. Don Kerbow PCC
Kim Hampton BCCY	Ashley Fontenot Prison Enterprises
Capt. Louis Christian DWCC	Michael Wynne Probation & Parole/Adult
Capt. Tyrone Kilbourne DWCC	Michael Galathe Probation & Parole/Juvenile
Harold Johnson EHCC	Capt. Orlando Hawkins SCCY
Major Walter Tolliver FWCC	Lt. Col. Donald Greely SCCY/ MAD
Yvette Grant Headquarters	Lt. Cyrus Bergeron WCI
Lt. Col. Daron Brown JCCY	Lt. Joe Chatman WNC
Tyrone Jackson LCIW	Lt. Michael Wallace WTF/N

Probation and Parole Officers

Gerri Garon Probation & Parole/Adult	Patricia Newman Probation & Parole/Juvenile
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And the winners were.

Master Sergeant Kenny Hutchinson, DCI
Correctional Officer of the Year

Fred McHenry, SCCY-Monroe
Support Employee

Yvette Grant, Headquarters
Supervisor of the Year

Gerri Garon, Adult-Probation & Parole
Probation and Parole Officer

Congratulations

Annual Awards Ceremony

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The Secretary's Award of Excellence was presented to the following individuals for exhibiting outstanding qualities such as personal commitment to the job, outstanding work on a special project, initiative or exemplary work performance, behavior or actions which resulted in a major benefit to either the Department or the Unity in which they work in furthering the Department's Mission.

Secretary's Award of Excellence Recipients

Warden James M. LeBlanc
DCI
Asst. Warden Kenneth Booty
DCI
Lt. Edward Bickham
DCI
Gary Shotwell
DCI

Col. Jeff Travis
DCI
Helen Horton
EHCC
Michael Wynne
Probation & Parole/Adult
Shelby McManus
SCCY

New Credit Union Branch

The Department of Corrections' Saint Gabriel Credit Union Branch opened for business on June 12, 2003. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 8:00a.m. until 5:00p.m. and Friday from 8:00a.m. until 6:00p.m..

OOPS! ! !

Submitted by George White

Holly Clancy not George White received a special call from Malcolm Mayer, (special assistant to Senator John Breaux) the 2003 Louisiana Children's Trust Fund (LCTF) Board Chairman appointing her as the Chairman of the Grants Committee.

ACA Accreditation Audits

Secretary Richard L. Stalder announced that Warden Wilkinson and his staff at Winn Correctional Center (WNC) successfully completed their fourth consecutive ACA Audit. Their hard work and dedication were demonstrated by receiving a score of 100% on the mandatory standards and 99.5% on the non-mandatory. The audit team complimented the facility by stating, "It's not just the effort that was noticeable, but the quality of that effort that gives this facility the level of professionalism it has."

Swanson Correctional Center for Youth-Monroe (SCCY-MON) and **J**etson Correctional Center for Youth (JCCY) not only successfully completed their regular ACA audits, but also the Performance Based Medical dual audit requirements. These facilities are the first juvenile institutions in America to undergo accreditation using ACA Performance Based Medical Standards. Secretary Stalder stated, "We appreciate the effort of not only our staff, but the staff of LSUHSC for making this possible and extend a sincere thank you to Dr. Debra DePrato and the employees of LSUHSC." SCCY-MON achieved 97.6% of the non-mandatory Standards for Juvenile Training Schools and 100% of the non-mandatory Performance Based Medical Standards. JCCY scored 98.6% on the non-mandatory Standards for Juvenile Training Schools and 100% on the non-mandatory Performance Based Medical Standards.

Bridge City Correctional Center for Youth also triumphed in their ACA reaccreditation audit scoring 100% of the mandatory standards and 99.1% of the non-mandatory standards of Juvenile Training Schools and 100% of the non-mandatory Performance Based Medical standards.

Congratulations for a job well done.

Support and Prayers

We continue to support our troops and pray for them whether home or aboard.

Allen Correctional Center

Sgt. James Chamblee Sgt. Candice Terry

Avoyelles Correctional Center

Sgt. Jason Faul Sgt. David Paulk
Sgt. Terry Watkins Sgt. Darrell Williams

David Wade Correctional Center

Lt. Gary McCline Msgr. Timmie Kinsey
Sgt. Aaron Johnson Sgt. Geisha Wesley

Dixon Correctional Center

Capt. Keith Turner Capt. Henry Taylor
Msgr. Ronald Taylor Msgr. Troy Johnson
Sgt. Brant Muse Sgt. Maurice Poyneil
Sgt. Jeremy Walker Cadet Jeremy Straughter

Ivy Miller

Forcht-Wade Correctional Center

Lt. Shanesel Dawzon Sgt. Clyde Greer
Sgt. Melvin Massey Sgt. Sherysse Sweeney
Sgt. Thomas Scott Sgt. Chris Vigil

Elayn Hunt Correctional Center

Col. Fredrick Boutte Msgr. David Speed
Msgr. Jeremy Avants Sgt. Darrell Burks
Sgt. Darius Credit Sgt. Andre Chenevert
Sgt. Eric Steward Chris Jones

Michael Alonso

Louisiana State Penitentiary

Lt. Dale Demout Lt. Joseph Hooker
Msgr. Christopher Fitzgerald Msgr. Christopher Fitzgerald
Msgr. Malachi Gee Msgr. David Paterson
Msgr. Larry Simon Msgr. Edward Arbuthnot
Sgt. David Harris Sgt. Linda Hollins
Sgt. Charles Jones Sgt. David Washington
Sgt. Terry Williams

C.Paul Phelps Correctional Center

Cadet Thomas Heptinstall

Washington Correctional Center

Capt. James Leftwich

Work Training Facility/North

Sgt. Scott Kennedy

Bridge City Correctional Center for Youth

Capt. Robert Higginbotham Sgt. Keisa Smith

Jetson Correctional Center for Youth

Depty Warden Lawrence Rivet Lakeesha Charles

Swanson Correctional Center for Youth

Major Ronald Johnson Lt. Reginald Hammock
Msgr. Roy Williams Sgt. Jeffery Woods
Sgt. Easley Jollis Cadet Karous Kelly

Swanson Correctional Center for Youth/MAD

Major Kenneth Trammbl

Office of Youth Development

Craig Meyer

Probation and Parole

Joseph Coleman
Jon Reeves
Alegra Jefferson
Lawrence Simpson
Annale Manuel

Thomas Eskola
Phillip Adkins
Lori Dunn
Jill Walker
James Willet

Headquarters

Wendel Guy

Anthony Winters

Top Dogs

Submitted by Warden James D. Miller, Jr.

WCI trackers recently took top honors in the fourth annual Louisiana Department of Corrections Tracking Dog Competition, an inter-prison event held in conjunction with training at Camp Beauregard near Alexandria.

WCI team members were Sugar, a bloodhound, Lt. Egard Jenkins Jr., a seasoned veteran and two rookies, Sgts. Scott Burch and Chesley Spears. Major Johnny Gerald, former tracker and the officer in charge of the unit was understandably proud of his team.



WCI tracking team from left Sgt. Scott Burch, Sgt. Chesley Spears and Lt. Edgar Jenkins.

Victims Rights

Submitted by Sonya Suggs

Elayn Hunt Correctional Center recognized National Crime Victims' Right Week by posting educational documentation in their staff and inmate newsletters and throughout the facility. They also flew the United States and Louisiana flags at half-mast during the month. Furthermore, they reflected upon the importance of their continued support of victims, such as their United Way Campaigns, which have bought \$262,650 to their communities since 1997, and our many Restorative Justice efforts through the inmate population.

In addition, as part of National Crime Victim's Rights Week, EHCC had two speakers from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and four speakers from Mothers of Murdered Children speak to 90 inmates and IMPACT trainees. The speakers gave emotionally charged accounts of the crime they and their family suffered and how the crimes have affected their lives. The inmates who attended asked many questions, and the speakers were appreciative of the opportunity to reflect on what they heard and refrain from engaging in destructive acts against society and themselves. We were pleased with this positive community-building experience that enabled inmates to bond with the outside and understanding more about how unlawful actions hurt their communities.

Training Academy

Submitted by Sonya Suggs

The first graduation for Elayn Hunt Correctional Center's (EHCC) new three-week training academy was held with eleven graduates. EHCC administration was very pleased with being able to completely train new hires onsite, as it takes the burden off applicants who found it difficult to travel and attend Louisiana State Penitentiary's training academy, keeping them away from their

homes for two weeks. The administration also feels that the new hires will bond and have a greater sense of comradeship when going through a smaller orientation class that is geared specifically toward EHCC.

Victims-Offender Dialogue

Submitted by Jean Wall

Last month Secretary Richard L. Stalder signed Department Regulation Number C-01-018 "Victim-Offender Dialogue" with an effective date of June 30, 2003.

The regulation creates a framework for a new program being developed in response to the desire of some crime victims to meet directly with the person who injured them or a family member.

Victim-Offender Dialogue is a carefully structured, victim-initiated process through which victims/survivors are enabled to meet directly with their offenders to talk about the impacts of the crime, ask questions and express feelings and concerns. It is neither therapy nor a substitute for therapeutic intervention. Participation by offender is voluntary.

In preparation for possible direct dialogue, victims and offenders meet separately with trained facilitators. The facilitator's role is not to take sides. Rather facilitators help participants explore wishes, fears and expectations and later, help bring safety and structure to the direct meeting. Facilitators usually work in teams of two.

Facilitators are presently being recruited from within the Department and the community and will be trained to perform these duties during a weeklong facilitator-training program in the fall. Anyone interested in additional information about the dialogue facilitation can contact Jean Wall, Director of the Crime Victims Services Bureau in the Secretary's Office.

Employee's Recognition

Dixon Correctional Center (DCI), Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, Forth Wade Correctional Center (FWCC), Washington Correctional Institute (WCI), and Swanson Correctional Center for Youth recognized the following employees for May Monthly Awards:

DCI

Sergeant Vivian Scott - Security Officer

EHCC

Cheryl Schexnayder - Support

Lieutenant Andrew Childs - Supervisor

Master Sergeant John Wiltz - Security Officer

FWCC

Sergeant Tymisha White- Security Officer

WCI

Master Sergeant Frances Spears - Security Officer

SCCY - Monroe

Donna Edmonds-Peters - Support

Sergeant Cynthia Moore - Security Officer

Dixon Correction Institute (DCI), Elayn Hunt Correctional Center (EHCC), and Forcht Wade Correctional Center (FWCC) and Swanson Correctional Center for Youth recognized the following employees for June Monthly Awards:

DCI

Sergeant William Jones - Security Officer

EHCC

Debra Goodlow - Support Employee

Captain Edith Pedescleaux - Supervisor

Sergeant Trebla Verret - Security Officer

FWCC

Sergeant Barbara Curry - Security Officer

Quarterly Recognition

Recipients of David Wade Correctional Center (DWCC), Elayn Hunt Correctional Center (EHCC), Forcht Wade Correctional Center (FWCC), Washington Correctional Institute and Swanson

Correctional Center for Youth Quarterly and Yearly Employee Awards were:

DWCC

Jerry Ward - Support Employee of the Year

Captain Louis Christian - Supervisor of the Year

M/Sergeant Shirley Harrison - Officer of the Year

Kiatonya Jackson - Support Employee of the Quarter

Lt. Michael Robinson - Supervisor of the Quarter

EHCC

Patricia Goodlow - Support Employee of the Quarter

Harold Johnson - Supervisor of the Quarter

M/Sergeant Jeffrey Osborne - Officer of the Year

FWCC

Alaxie Conley - Support Employee of the Year

Major Walter Tolliver - Supervisor of the Year

M/Sergeant Walter Foley - Officer of the Year

John Rowe - Support Employee of the 1st Quarter

Major George Savage - Supervisor of the 1st Quarter

Lori Volk - Support Employee of the 2nd Quarter

Beverly Slack - Supervisor of the 2nd Quarter

WCI

Lisa Ard - Support Employee of the Year

Lieutenant Cyrus Bergeron, Supervisor of the Year

M/Sergeant Charles Dudley Freeman, Officer of the Year

Major Larry Grow, Supervisor of the Quarter

SCCY

Becky Bourgeois - Social Worker of the Year

Ronnie Glasper - Counselor of the Year

Team Work

Submitted by Nicole Mitchell

Probation and Parole has given tremendous support this year from Districts throughout the State for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Sixteen of the twenty-one districts participated in the actual "Torch Run" which was recently held, including Genie Powers, Director of Probation and Parole and Program Manager Cecil Goudeau. In 2002, Probation and Parole collected well over \$16,000 for Louisiana Special Olympic Athletes. Their goal this year is \$20,000.

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Greatness

Excerpt from DWCC - "The Razor Wire"

The latest addition to the teaching staff at David Wade Correction Center (DWCC), is former AFL/NFL great Dr. Charlie Hennigan. He is in charge of a reading lab that helps the inmates gain the skills they need to make the right decision once they are released.

Dr. Hennigan, a reading specialist, received his Doctorate in Education from the University of Houston during his playing career. His reading lab at DWCC uses computer software that teaches the user to quickly see, recognize and identify words. Vocabulary, comprehension and speed are also built into the program.

Hennigan attended LSU on a track scholarship but transferred to Northwestern State when the Tiger's coaches refused to let him play football. After graduation, he tried to catch on with the Canadian Football League. When that failed to work out, he returned to Jonesboro-Hodge as a teacher.

In 1960, he heard about the AFC and decided to give football another chance. When he learned that Houston was the closest franchise, he called the Oilers and set up a try-out for himself. Not only did he make the team, he became on of the all-time greats for the Houston Oilers. He scored the first touchdown in Houston Oilers history. He was also the first professional football player to catch more than 100 passes in a single season and to gain over 1500 yards in pass receiving.

Now with pro football behind him, Hennigan is happy in his new career at David Wade Correctional Center. He stated, "I'm really enjoying this and I think I've found my niche."

It Pays To Be An ACA Member

Take Note

The American Correctional Association (ACA) is the national leader in excellence in corrections. Join ACA today and enjoy the savings and benefits that come with membership for 35.00!

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